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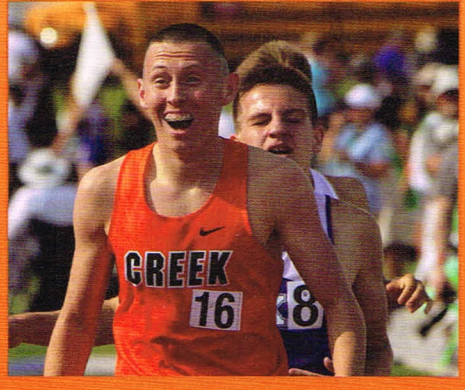
Community Newsletter of the Beavercreek City School District



New Schedules for 2019-2020

The district has adopted new schedules to maximize the efficiency of its Transportation Department. All schools will have a 6 hour and 45 minute student day. These schedule changes were approved by the Board of Education and will take effect starting with the 2019 - 2020 school year.

Middle Schools (7:30 am - 2:15 pm)

BHS, Ferguson Hall, Parkwood, Shaw (8:15 am - 3:00 pm)

Fairbrook, Main, Trebein, Valley (9:00 am - 3:45 pm)

Preschool AM (8:20 am - 11:00 am)

Preschool PM (12:00 pm - 2:40 pm)

Hello Beavercreek

BY PAUL OTTEN
SUPERINTENDENT OF BEAVERCREEK CITY SCHOOLS

Thank you to our residents for their continued support of Beavercreek City Schools! Voters have approved both school ballot issues put before them on May 7. Passage of the operating levy and permanent improvement levy is a clear indicator that the future of our school district remains a top priority for our community, which believes that strong schools create strong communities.

I especially would like to extend my gratitude to the countless volunteers who worked tirelessly to make sure our community was well informed with the facts about the needs we face as a school district and community.

Revenue generated from these levies will allow students the opportunity to receive an education that prepares them for the future. The assets, services, programs and personnel necessary to deliver meaningful and relevant instruction will remain in place. These levies will help maintain what our community already has and what families expect.

It is critical to understand that our district leadership will always continue exploring avenues to cut costs and save money. The number of resources necessary to educate our kids is staggering; therefore, we will continue to be mindful of our taxpayer dollars and stretch our budget as much as possible without compromising the great experience we offer to our students and staff.

Although the passage of the May 7 ballot requests is a step in the right direction, the Beavercreek City School District still faces challenges that require the help and support of our community. We have an urgent need to find additional learning space for our students; current facilities are struggling to keep pace with the numbers of new students coming into our district and projections indicate the trend will continue well into the future. A great deal of work has already been completed in this matter but ultimately we will rely on collaboration with our entire community to identify a comprehensive solution.

There is a lot of work still to be completed but the future looks promising for Beavercreek City Schools. With the Beavercreek community standing beside us, great things will happen.

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Master Facility Planning Update

Community Identifies Two Options

The Beavercreek City School District is another step closer to realizing a new master facility plan. With growth expected to far exceed building capacity over the next ten years, our community, in conjunction with district leadership, completed important first steps in a process that will address the need for new learning space.

Through five separate community forums, feedback concerning the future of our school district was gathered. Data collected from those forums was analyzed and compiled for deeper consideration by a community advisory team comprised of Beavercreek residents, political leaders, school district staff members and administration.

Two options were identified as making the most sense for our district now and well into the future. They are referred to as Option A and Option B. According to Greg Thompson, Director of Business Services, "When you are faced with new students and little room to accommodate them, new construction makes a lot of sense." Each option involves varying levels of new construction to meet the district's space needs.

Option A calls for building a new elementary school with an estimated capacity of 700 students. Also, several smaller additions would be added to existing buildings to add additional learning space. For example, plans identify a new addition at Fairbrook Elementary as having the potential to add 175 seats.

Option B involves the construction of a new high school for the district capable of accommodating around 3,000 students. The current high school would become a junior high school for students in grades 7-8 while Ankeney Middle School and Jacob Coy Middle School would convert to elementary schools.

It is important to realize each option and all components were not created by district leadership. "From day one we made it clear that a new master facility plan would come from and be a creation of this community," said Superintendent Paul Otten. "We applaud the hard work that has gone into this project so far and make no mistake, there is still work to be done in the months and years ahead."

New Redistricting Plan Approved

After months of public input and consultation from the district's partner in the process, Cropper GIS, Beavercreek City Schools has a new redistricting plan that will begin to alleviate overcrowding at Trebein Elementary School.

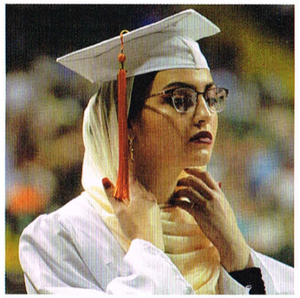
The plan calls for increasing the size of Main Elementary's attendance area to include Nathanial's Grove - a growing development off Beaver Valley Road south of New Germany Trebein Road. Students who live in this development will begin attending Main Elementary starting with the 2019 - 2020 school year.

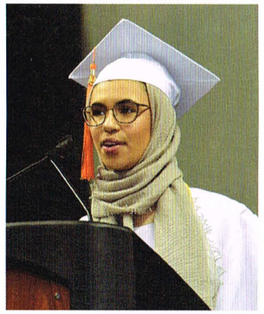
"This plan helps our most crowded building but we still have more to address," said Greg Thompson, Director of Business Services. Even by shifting some of the student population to Main Elementary school, district leadership acknowledges that the plan is not a long term solution. According to Thompson, "Our enrollment is projected to increase substantially over the next ten years and we simply do not have enough building space to deal with those projections."

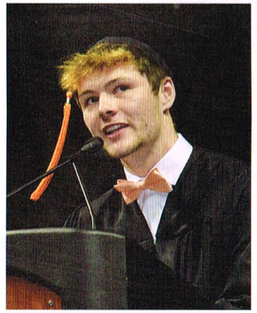
- To learn more about the district's redistricting process and plan visit www.gocreek.org/apps/pages/redistricting.

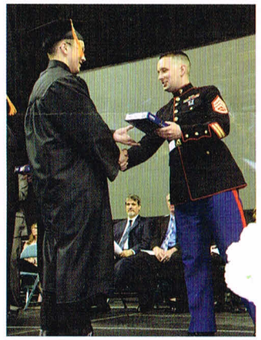
Graduation 2019

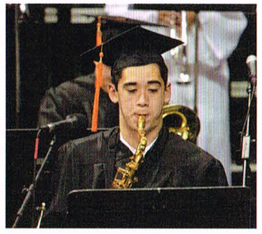
The Beavercreek City School District joined our entire community in celebration as the Class of 2019 graduated from Beavercreek High School. There were 646 diplomas conferred to our outstanding students ready for the next step in their life's journey. As you can see, we all have reason to be proud of these young men and women. Job well done!

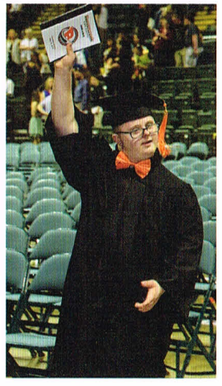












Class of 2019 Highlights

GWOC Girl's Basketball Championship
GWOC Wrestling Championship
Girl's Basketball State of Ohio District Championship
Wrestling State of Ohio District Championship
GWOC Baseball Championship
3 GWOC Girl's Bowling Championships
3 GWOC Boy's Bowling Championships
3 Final Four Appearances Boy's Volleyball
Girl's Soccer State of Ohio Championship
Boy's Soccer State of Ohio Championship
GWOC Girl's Cross Country Championship
Girl's Cross Country State of Ohio District Championship
Girl's Cross Country State of Ohio Regional Championship
Girl's Cross Country State of Ohio Championship
11 National Merit Scholar Finalists
3 GWOC Academic Team Championships
2 Academic Team State of Ohio Championships
History Bowl National Championship
Chorale Program State Superior Ratings
Band Program State Superior Ratings

You can experience all the sights and excitement of graduation day!

www.gocreek.org/graduation2019/

Introducing Our Best

The Beavercreek City School District recognizes staff members who have distinguished themselves as true leaders. These individuals demonstrate an unwavering dedication to their students and community. They inspire everyone around them to reach higher, do more, and be the very best. We congratulate all recipients of the Outstanding Educator of the Year Award and the Outstanding Classified Support Staff of the Year Award.

Outstanding Educators

Lori Cox

Erin Curliss

Samantha Cornwell

Megan Tomlin

Laura Chamberlain

Jenny Hickerson

Suzanne Ash

Gina Craun

Kelsey Frasher

Jessica Renner

Outstanding Classified Support Staff

Deanna Fecher

John Sopczak

Tammy Blackmore

Peggy Mangan

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Not pictured:
Judith Absher and
Cindy Stall

Cadet to West Point

Cadet Captain Brian Rihm, Group Commander of our Beavercreek High School Air Force Junior ROTC program, has received an appointment to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point this upcoming fall. Brian received an impressive three nominations which included Congressional nominations from Senator Sherrod Brown and Congressman Mike Turner along with a Presidential nomination.

District Named to AP Honor Roll

Beavercreek City Schools has earned an impressive distinction during the 2018 - 2019 school year, our district is on the AP District Honor Roll.

This honor recognizes school districts committed to increasing access to AP (advanced placement) for underrepresented students while simultaneously maintaining or increasing the percentage of students earning AP Exam scores of 3 or higher. AP District Honor Roll recipients are committed to expanding the availability of AP courses among prepared and motivated students of all backgrounds.

Financial Excellence

Beavercreek City Schools is proud of its latest award recognizing excellence in financial practices and reporting - the Auditor of State Award with Distinction. The award comes after a comprehensive audit did not contain any findings for recovery, material citations, material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, Uniform Guidance (Single Audit) findings or questioned costs.

"This award validates our commitment to being good stewards of our community's money," said Treasurer/CFO Penny Rucker, who accepted the award during the March Board of Education meeting. "I want to thank my entire staff for earning this award through hard work and dedication."

Marching Through the Sunshine State

Representing Our Community

The Beavercreek High School Marching Band and Color Guard completed its Florida performance tour during the 2018 - 2019 school year. From Universal Studios to Walt Disney World's Magic Kingdom and all points in between, our students represented this community in the highest possible manner - plus they sounded amazing!

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Supporting The Beavercreek Community

Helping Our Families

The Beavercreek City School District stands ready to offer appropriate support to families impacted by recent storms. Our staff members recognize the need to help people of this community rebuild and restore a measure of normalcy for the months ahead. Working in conjunction with the many excellent community organizations across Beavercreek, our school district will make every reasonable effort to provide assistance. This includes families who are displaced or have been rendered homeless.

For recovery and rebuilding assistance please email stephanie.sainz@beavercreek.k12.oh.us